CHAPTER 162

EDUCATION - POSTSECONDARY

HOUSE BILL 19-1196

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AN ACT

CONCERNING STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE CLASSIFIED AS IN-STATE STUDENTS FOR TUITION PURPOSES.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 23-7-110, **amend** (2)(b) as follows:

23-7-110. Tuition classification of students who successfully complete high school or a high school equivalency examination in Colorado. (2) (b) The institution shall not count a student described in paragraph (a) of this subsection (2) SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION as a resident for any purpose other than tuition classification; except that the student is eligible for the college opportunity fund program pursuant to the provisions of part 2 of article 18 of this title TITLE 23 AND STATE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 3.3 OF THIS TITLE 23, upon confirmation of the student's uniquely identifying student number provided by the local education provider where the student graduated from high school or successfully completed his or her high school equivalency examination, as defined in section 22-33-102 (8.5), C.R.S., and may be eligible for institutional or other private financial aid programs.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-76.5-103, **amend** (3) introductory portion and (3)(i) as follows:

24-76.5-103. Verification of lawful presence - exceptions - reporting - rules. (3) Verification of lawful presence in the United States shall not be IS NOT required:

(i) For receipt of educational services or benefits from institutions of higher

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education, except as may be limited pursuant to section 23-7-110, C.R.S., including participation in the college opportunity fund program pursuant to part 2 of article 18 of title 23, C.R.S., college savings plans pursuant to section 23-3.1-301, C.R.S., STATE STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 3.3 OF TITLE 23, and any other financial benefit of the institution of higher education relating to attendance at the institution of higher education.

SECTION 3. Safety clause. The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

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